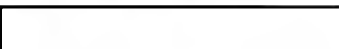


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*Panama: [Public unrest is on the rise.]

[President Robles' handling of the recent sugar strike has made him increasingly vulnerable to attacks by his many opponents. Despite a court ruling that the strike was illegal, he reacted to pressures from pro-Communist union leaders and interjected himself directly into the negotiations. He not only set a dangerous precedent, but his solution satisfied neither side. These actions threaten to erode the reluctant support he now receives from powerful economic interests.]

[The strikers' advisers include radical socialists, Communists, and followers of former president Arnulfo Arias. These elements appear determined to arouse mass dissatisfaction in Panama. Trouble could take the form of more serious strikes, student disturbances, or perhaps even an attempt to oust Robles.]

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[Arnulfo Arias and other opponents are also using some of Panama's news media to attack the present conduct of canal negotiations with the US.]

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France - Common Market: [A major test of strength between France and the Common Market may be shaping up over the EEC Commission's recent proposals on financing the community's future operations.]

[The EEC Council had requested recommendations on how to finance the common agricultural policy after present arrangements expire on 30 June. The Commission's response proposed an eventual transfer to the community of all receipts deriving from the EEC's duties on industrial as well as agricultural imports. This would give the EEC an estimated income of well over \$2 billion a year.]

[The financing plan is highly advantageous to French economic interests, but sharply at variance with De Gaulle's views on how Europe ought to be organized. In particular, the proposals would give the EEC an independent source of revenue, extend the budgetary powers of the Commission and the European Parliament, and further the Commission's efforts to establish a common commercial policy. French resistance on these points is virtually certain.]

[The Commission may have miscalculated in its latest bid to strengthen the community. In the past, however, the Commission has repeatedly, and successfully, appealed to the self-interest of the member states--notably France--in pressing new integration measures. If the other five members are not willing to have a showdown with Paris in the next few months, the Commission may seek a compromise which will preserve its basic position.]

[De Gaulle's suspicions that his principles and French interests are being undermined in Brussels may account for a cabinet decision just announced in Paris. Henceforth, French delegates to EEC and other international meetings will be subject to "very precise instructions which shall be submitted to the prime minister and to the President of the Republic himself."]

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Bulgaria: The regime's decision on 22 April to issue a public statement on the recent coup attempt apparently indicates that the principal plotters have been apprehended.

The statement confirmed the suicide of a central committee member and the arrest of "certain persons," including the military commandant of Sofia and an official in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. All those named served in the same partisan brigade during World War II.

The regime denied that those "who violated the laws" constituted a threat to "public order and stability of the government."

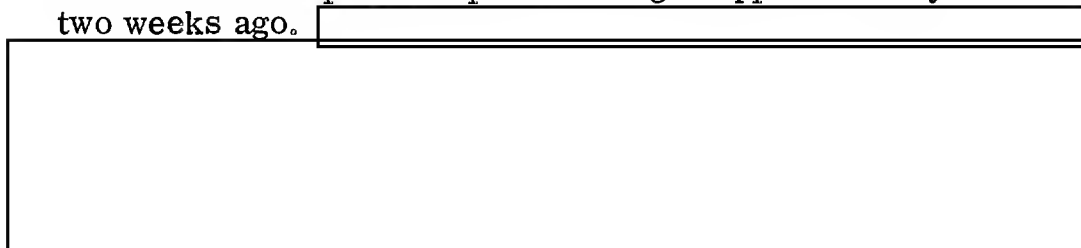
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Lieutenant General Dikov, who has been chief of the MRV since early 1962, headed partisan activities in the area where the plotters operated during World War II. He has not been seen in public since the roundup of conspirators began approximately two weeks ago.

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*USSR-China: Party Secretary Demichev's Lenin anniversary speech yesterday illustrates Moscow's current line of maintaining restraint while seeking to demonstrate that the Chinese have rebuffed Soviet efforts to restore unity. Although Demichev reaffirmed the USSR's professed desire to improve relations and described the "great Chinese people" as "our ally in the struggle against imperialism," the speech contained indirect but sharp attacks on Chinese ideological positions and on Peiping's failure to advance "any concrete proposal" for rallying the Communist movement. Demichev implied that the Soviets have done all they can to restore unity, and stated that unnamed Communists who prevent cohesion "assume serious responsibility" before history and "Communists of the whole world."

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Japan: The opposition Socialist Party and the trade union federation Sohyo are planning a major street demonstration on 26 April against US action in Vietnam. Although other recent leftist efforts have evoked only limited popular response, the Japanese press has become increasingly critical of the bombing of North Vietnam in fear that it might lead to general war in the Far East.

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USSR: The government has announced a nine-percent increase in industrial growth for the first three months of 1965, probably presaging a recovery from the 7.1-percent level claimed for all of last year. If the nine-percent rate is maintained for the balance of the year the USSR would have regained the 1961-62 levels of industrial growth. Such a rate of increase, however, would still be below the 10-11 percent claimed in the late 1950s. Rates of growth cited in Soviet plan fulfillment reports are usually about two percentage points above those computed by CIA.

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*Sudan: [Leftist protest demonstrations and widespread violence in northern Sudan may force the government to delay the elections which began yesterday in this area and are now scheduled to continue through 8 May. Army and police units have been able to restore order in most trouble spots but the cabinet is reportedly debating another postponement. Continued agitation and dissension within the cabinet may encourage the generally conservative army either to move in itself or to dictate the appointment of still another transitional government with little or no leftist representation.]

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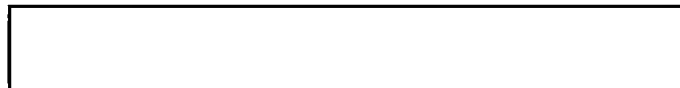
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